

LAWYERS SEEK FEES

Chase & Chase Allege Fraud by Doolittle and Miss Cutler

Charges Against Woman Were \$921— Were to Be Paid Out of Judgment Awarded Her Against Doolittle.

Chase & Chase, who were attorneys for Ethel E. Cutler in her suit against Merton A. Doolittle for breach of promise and for payment for her services, have added further complications to the already complicated situation by petitioning the supreme court for leave to enforce their attorneys' lien against the plaintiff in the original suit.

The petition sets forth that prior to July 8, 1915, the firm was employed by Miss Cutler and that she wanted them to take the case on shares, but they declined and asked for the case and deduct from any judgment the cost of their services and expenses. A judgment of \$4,098.25 was obtained for her in county court and the defendant took the case to the supreme court.

The petition says that the petitioners expended for the preparation and trial of the case in county court \$121.72 and their charge for the services in county and supreme court total \$921.50, no part of which has been paid.

Since a lien was placed by the petitioners on the judgment obtained for the plaintiff, she and Doolittle, the petition says, "without the knowledge and consent of the petitioners and collusively and fraudulently and with the intent to cheat and defraud the petitioners out of the payment for their expenses, disbursements and services in said suit have entered into some arrangements to the petitioners unknown."

Then is cited in the petition the text of the stipulation reported recently in The Phoenix, signed by both parties to the suit and by which it was agreed by them that the following entry should be made: "Judgment reversed and judgment for the defendant without costs."

The petitioners aver that the parties to the suit entered into such stipulation for the purpose of depriving the petitioners, and that the plaintiff is wholly without funds from which the payment of the lien can be enforced, and they pray that the stipulation entered into, so far as it affects the rights of the petitioners, may be set aside; that the petitioners may be allowed under their attorneys' lien to proceed with the cause to the extent of satisfying their lien out of such judgment as may be finally recovered against the defendant, Doolittle; that judgment of the county court may now be affirmed without further hearing to an amount sufficient to satisfy the petitioners' lien for expenses, disbursements and services rendered, and for the costs; that upon affirmation of the judgment of the county court the cause be remanded with a mandate directing the county court to assess and determine the amount due the petitioners for their services, expenses and disbursements and that judgment be entered for the petitioners under the lien and recovered out of the property of Doolittle attached by Ethel E. Cutler.

An order has been issued by Ethel E. Cutler and Merton A. Doolittle to appear before the supreme court at Montpelier May 2.

After Miss Cutler and Doolittle separated Mrs. C. H. Lynde of Guilford became housekeeper for him and Doolittle last fall was made defendant in a suit for alienation of affections brought by the husband of Mrs. Lynde.

Since the filing of the stipulation signed by Miss Cutler and Doolittle, by which they sought to nullify the action of the county court, the former has been keeping house for the latter.

OMIT JULY ASSESSMENT.

Knights of Columbus Also Will Remit December Assessment, Making but 10 for the Year.

Charles F. Mann of Brattleboro, state deputy of the Knights of Columbus, has received a telegram from William J. McKinley, supreme secretary, which reads as follows:

"Owing to flourishing conditions of the order, the board of directors, under advice of our actuary, has voted to omit the July assessment. In all probability, from present indications, the December assessment also will be remitted."

This is something unusual in the history of fraternal life insurance and is in marked contrast with notifications of double assessments which occasionally come to members of some of the fraternal insurance organizations.

For several years the Knights of Columbus insurance department has remitted the December assessment, so that members have been called upon to pay only 11 assessments a year, and now comes a still further reduction in the cost for this year.

The Knights of Columbus fraternal insurance organization is recognized as one of the strongest in the country, having about 115,000 members and over \$115,000,000 of life insurance in force.

The margin of safety over and above the statutory standards was 26.47 per cent at the last published statement.

About 35 members of the order in Brattleboro will benefit by this omission of the July assessment.

TAKES RUTLAND POSITION.

Edward S. Abbott Resigned Recently as Principal at Montpelier.

Edward S. Abbott, principal of Montpelier high school since 1909, when he graduated from the University of Vermont, has been elected principal of Rutland high school to succeed Isaac Thomas.

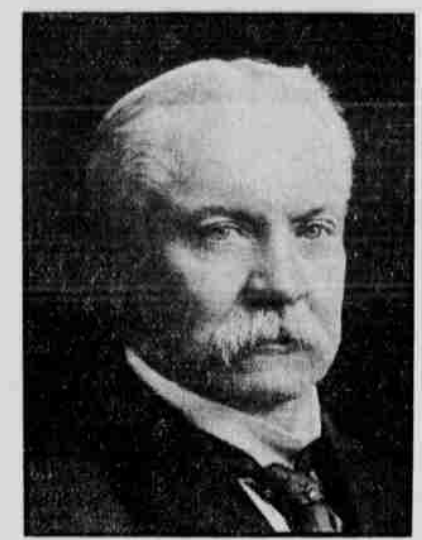
Mr. Thomas has not yet announced his plans for next fall when Mr. Abbott takes up his new duties. Mr. Thomas has been in Rutland several years, having for a long time previous to that been at the head of Burlington high school. He is a graduate of Yale university. He succeeded in Rutland Samuel H. Erskine, now superintendent of the Rochester district.

COL. HASKINS AT PIER 80.

Ex-Congressman and Former Postmaster's Anniversary Observed—Masons Send Note of Congratulation.

Col. Kittredge Haskins, ex-congressman and former postmaster, was 80 years old Saturday and the anniversary was pleasantly remembered by organizations of the Masons with which he has been identified nearly 50 years and by the rector and vestry of St. Michael's Episcopal church as well as by neighbors and many friends, who called during the afternoon and evening.

There was no formal observance of the occasion. The house was profusely decorated with roses sent by the various Masonic lodges and others. The Past Presiding Officers' association of the Masonic organizations marked the anniversary with an engrossed note of appreciation of Col. Haskins's services to the order. Punch, wafers and a birthday cake were served.



COL. KITTREDGE HASKINS.

Although a native of Dover, Col. Haskins has spent by far the greater part of his long life of activity in Brattleboro. He began the study of law in the office of Shafter & Davenport in Wilmington and at the age of 22 was admitted to the bar. After a brief partnership with Charles N. Davenport he embarked upon the practice of law alone in Williamsville, where he remained two years, moving to Brattleboro in 1863. He has since made his home here.

While a resident of Williamsville he enlisted in Company I, Vermont Volunteers, and was commissioned first lieutenant. He served as post adjutant to Brig. Gen. E. H. Stoughton, commander of the Second Vermont brigade, and was acting adjutant of the regiment. He resigned March 19, 1863, because of injuries received in the course of duty. Later he served as a civilian employee in the office of the assistant quartermaster of volunteers. He was commissioned later as captain of Company H, 12th regiment of Vermont militia, and his title of colonel is the result of his appointment to the staff of Gov. Peter T. Washburn.

With the exception of eight years, 1900 to 1909, during which he was representative in congress, he has been a justice of the peace. He has served as state's attorney of Windham county, United States attorney for the district of Vermont, judge of the Brattleboro municipal court and postmaster of Brattleboro from January, 1911, to April 1, 1915. He was a member of the state legislature from Brattleboro in 1872-3, 1896-7 and in 1898-9 and represented Windham county in the state senate in 1892-3. He was speaker of the house during the special session in May, 1898, and at the regular session the following October. Besides these elective offices he has held numerous other offices of responsibility by appointment.

He is one of the oldest Masons in the state, having been made a master Mason in May, 1857, in Wilmington. He has held nearly all of the offices in the subordinate lodges and is a member of the York and Scottish Rites bodies. He has been grand master, grand high priest and grand commander of the state grand bodies and lieutenant commander of the state consistory.

He is a member of Sedgwick post, G. A. R., and his religious affiliations are with the Episcopal church. He is senior warden of St. Michael's church and has been on numerous occasions a lay deputy to the general convention of the church.

FOUR FEET OF SNOW IN 1843.

Sleighting for Six Months—Streams Frozen Until Middle of April, Bockley's History Says.

Editor of The Phoenix:

Beckley, in his History of Vermont, published in 1846 by George H. Salisbury of Brattleboro, says that "the winter of 1842-3 was remarkable throughout the country for the quantity of snow and the continuance of the cold. The northern position of Vermont would, of course, make her a partaker of these visitations. She felt their impressions through all her borders, not a hill or valley escaping. The snow was four feet deep at Brattleboro the first week in April, and in the mountain towns from five to seven. The sleighing continued about six months. March was unprecedentedly cold, the mercury in the thermometer going down often several degrees below zero."

Mr. Beckley says that the streams remained frozen till the middle of April, when a warm rain came and produced a flood in the Connecticut river which came near breaking all known records. He also alludes to the prevalence and ravages of erysipelas during this winter. If any of your readers are desirous of further information respecting the remarkable winter of 1842-3, they would do well to read chapter 25 of Mr. Beckley's history.

O. E. RANDALL,
West Chesterfield, N. H., April 7.

In times of peace London contains 15 embassies and legations representative of foreign countries.

IMPROVED CAR SERVICE

New General Manager of Twin State Co. Visits Town

Appreciates Need of New Equipment—Will Come Once a Month to Get Familiar with Local Conditions.

Howard L. Olds, the new vice president and general manager of the Twin State Gas & Electric Co., owners of the local electric railroad and lighting plant, was in Brattleboro Tuesday night and until 2 o'clock Wednesday on his first trip of inspection of the Brattleboro equipment. He said in the Brooks House, just before leaving for the railroad station, that he expected to be here on an average of once a month and to thoroughly familiarize himself with local conditions.

Asked as to prospects for street railway improvement, he replied that The Phoenix had his permission to print in red letters, if desired, that the officials of the Twin State Co., appreciated the need of new equipment and that it would be provided as quickly as possible.

He said that it was general knowledge that in a town of this size not every dollar expended brought one into the treasury of the company, but that a public service corporation was bound to provide suitable equipment for the use of the public and that this would be done here.

Mr. Olds was accompanied by Martin J. Insull, vice president and one of the principal owners of the Middle West Utilities Co., owner of the Twin State Gas & Electric Co., which controls numerous other plants in the East similar to the local one. Mr. Insull had been here once before on a hurried trip. With them was A. Hardgrave, an engineer of the company, who is making the tour with them.

Mr. Olds said that they spent the morning on a trip to the Dummerston power plant and that the next time he came here he would familiarize himself with the rest of the equipment of the company. He admitted that he had seen some of the street railway equipment in service, an admission that prompted his remark about the intention of the company to immediately improve the car service.

COURT FINES HIRSH \$150.

Found Guilty by Judge Barber of Aiding Promotion of Lottery—Case Will Be Appealed.

Judge Frank E. Barber of the municipal court Saturday made his decision in the case of the state against M. Hirsh, who was tried last week on the charge of aiding in the promotion of a lottery by securing members for a furniture club for the United Furniture Co. of Boston. Judge Barber found the respondent guilty and imposed a fine of \$150 with costs of \$42.31. He gave the attorneys for the respondent 30 days in which to file briefs of their exceptions to take the case to the supreme court and fixed bail at \$250. The maximum penalty which may be imposed under the statute is \$200.

The judge said that while the respondent and the company for which he is working based their defense entirely upon a cleverly worded contract, it was noticeable that all of the witnesses for the state based their reasons for becoming members of the club upon the statements of the respondent or other employees of the company that a drawing was held weekly in Boston and that as a result of this drawing some member of the club received a reward in the form of a piece of furniture.

WOULD ISSUE STOCK AND BONDS

Eastern Vermont Public Utilities Corporation Given Hearing by Public Service Commission.

A hearing was held Saturday before Chairman Robert F. Bacon and Commissioner W. A. Dutton of the public service commission on the petition of the Eastern Vermont Public Utilities corporation for permission to issue capital stock and bonds. The petitioner asks authority to issue half a million in bonds and \$100,000 in capital stock.

The corporation is a new one and owns the power plants at South Ryegate and Danville, Vt., and numerous water rights on rivers in that section. E. W. Lawrence of Rutland appeared for the petitioner and Attorney General Herbert G. Barber for the state. Others present were W. R. Duff, of M. Frost of Rutland, H. M. McIntosh of Burlington, E. F. Clark of Groton and Henry F. Bryant of Boston.

No decision was announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Off for Costa Rica

Station Agent and Mrs. Samuel Ashby left Brattleboro Friday afternoon for a trip of one month to Costa Rica. They sailed Saturday from New York on the steamship Tenadores of the Great White Fleet of the United Fruit Co. The vessel makes a stop at Panama, and in Costa Rica Mr. and Mrs. Ashby will go to San Jose, where they will visit James H. Burke, former station agent in Brattleboro, now general superintendent of the Northern Railway Co.

The evening before their departure Station Agent Ashby was a guest at a theater party and later was presented with various articles for himself and Mrs. Ashby, at a large gathering of railroad men in Biagiotti's ice-cream parlor, where refreshments and music, both vocal and instrumental, made the occasion merry.



Keeping in Style.

Waggs—Where have you been?
Baggs—In the hospital getting cured.
Waggs—Censored!
Baggs—Yes, I had several important parts cut out.—Stray Stories.

Oatmeal is generally adulterated with barley flour to give it a whiter appearance.

WHERE TO BUY SOCONY KEROSENE OIL

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CHESTERFIELD Hall, C. G. Mrs. Webb, George W.	BELLOWS FALLS Cray, S. J. Gould & Marble Hall, F. J. & Son Putnam & Damon
DUMMERSTON Brown, E. H.	CAMBRIDGEPORT Cushing, S. P. Martin, G. W.
EAST DOVER Halladay, W. C.	COLD RIVER Byrnes, Jno., Est.
EAST JAMAICA Butler, E. M. Robinson, R. E.	DREWSVILLE Buswell, C. L. Moulthrop, C. A.
GUILDFORD CENTER Legate, E. W.	GRAFTON Palmer, F. A. Prouty, E. F. Redfield, F. G.
HINSDALE Fuller, F. H. Holland, A. A. & Son Richards, E. J. Stepnowsky, Peter White, F. H.	LANGDON Lucas, E. B. Lassalle, E. J.
JAMAICA Daggett, R. J. Muzzy, J. A. & Co. Sherwin, H. S.	NORTH WALPOLE Barrett, James Duffee, W. M. Hartnett, J. P. N. Walpole Cash Grocery
LONDONDERY Wilder, E. A. Leonard, F. M. Bacon, I. E.	SAXTONS RIVER Fuller & Co., F. S. Farr & Hughes
	SOUTH ACWORTH Evans, G. A. White, F. J.
	WESTMINSTER Davis, F. H.
	WESTMINSTER WEST Chapman, F. R.



SNOW TAVERN, RECENTLY BURNED.

The accompanying picture of the old Snow Tavern, which stood on the Wilmington road in Marlboro about a mile west of Marlboro Center and was burned March 29, is from a photograph made the past year by George H. Clapp of this town.

This old tavern was a popular place in stage coach days before the Hoosac tunnel was constructed, being on the stage road between Brattleboro and Wilmington, over which there was heavy traffic.

It was built some 70 years ago by Abner and Dolly (Bassett) Snow for a hotel, but for the last few years it had been owned by Mrs. Emma (Collier) Trombley of Brattleboro. For the last year Fred Carpenter had conducted it as a boarding house for lumbermen and teamsters.

FITZGIBBONS SCORES 131.

of 131 is the highest man of the last squad of members of Company I to shoot at the indoor range for records. Privates K. O. Smith and J. J. Manning, each with a total of 127, held second place in this group to Fitzgibbons. The scores:

	Preme.	Kneel.	Sit.	Stand.	Total
Sergeant Boyd, H. C.	41	20	19	32	112
Sergeant St. Cyr, Wm. A.	45	19	21	41	126
Sergeant Marion, A. A.	49	20	20	41	130
Corp. Newell, R.	44	21	20	35	120
Pvt. Birch, E.	44	20	20	42	126
Pvt. Dunlevy, L. M.	40	21	19	36	116
Pvt. Fitzgibbons, E.	41	23	23	41	131
Pvt. Howard, P.	39	24	19	34	116
Pvt. Lafontaine, C.	42	21	20	37	120
Pvt. Manning, J. J.	41	22	40	127	
Pvt. Martin, G. A.	42	18	19	39	119
Pvt. Smith, Harry B.	42	19	20	40	121
Pvt. Smith, Herman	41	24	22	40	127
Pvt. Nelson, Carl	40	17	21	33	111
Pvt. Denning, James	40	17	20	39	116
Pvt. Clune, J. A.	37	19	19	34	109
Pvt. Blake, John W.	41	17	23	31	112
Pvt. Thompson, Geo.	40	16	18	31	105
Pvt. Johnson, Guy	40	16	19	32	108
Pvt. Clune, James P.	39	22	22	41	125

Machine Trade Booming at Springfield. Springfield business men agree that business was never better in that town than at the present time. All machine shops are working to their capacity, some working night shifts and with the regular day for a working until 10 o'clock on certain nights. About 1,000 machinists are now employed in the shops in Springfield. The demand for the lathes, machines and tools manufactured in Springfield has been very keen on account of the great prosperity in the machine shops throughout the country.

LEWIS WINS FROM BELGIAN.

Tom Draak Proves Worthy Opponent, but Goes Down Twice in Succession—Small Crowd Present.

Ed "Strangler" Lewis, catch-as-catch-can wrestling champion, made his first appearance in Brattleboro Tuesday evening in the Auditorium when he threw Tom Draak, the Belgian champion, twice in succession, taking 23 minutes to win the first fall and 15 before he slammed his opponent to the mat for the second and final fall.

Just as had been predicted, the match was the most spectacular since the appearance here of Gerhardt. The men were fast. They went from one hold to another, at times with almost lightning rapidity, and the display of science was well worth the price of admission. The audience was a very small one and was indicative, apparently, of the attitude of the sporting fraternity of the town towards wrestling.

Lewis, like Dr. Roller, who is well known to local wrestling fans, wrestles in his bare feet, but Draak wears wrestling shoes. Lewis was the heavier and his muscles did not show in the work of the match as did those under the skin of his opponent. Lewis was the heavier but by no means the less speedy. It was the speed the men showed that made the variety of holds they displayed an exhibition worth the price.

The double bridge was shown twice with Lewis breaking it and once with Draak having that honor. The famous scissors hold failed to deliver the goods several times and the same was true of other well-known and almost certain holds, but as an exhibition there was nothing more that could be asked, especially in view of the fact that the men did not make their expenses in coming here and the promoters of the match are out of pocket.

The preliminary was between two boys, Ross and Manning, announced by Referee Jim Barnes as "fly weights." Ross won the bout in two straight falls, but before it was over the youngsters had displayed some wonderful holds.

ARRESTED ON WAY HERE.

Holyoker Said He Was Coming to Carl Hopkins's Town, but Being Intoxicated Went to Jail.

The story of what befell a man who said he was on his way to Brattleboro is told in the Holyoke Transcript of Saturday as follows:

"A man very obviously under the influence of liquor told pedestrians on High street last night that he was on his way to Brattleboro, Vt., the place that starts what Reno, Nev., finishes. He got as far as on his journey as John street when a husky gentleman in a long, blue coat with brass buttons placed him under arrest. The would-be tourist to Carl Hopkins's town went to jail last night because he couldn't pay the \$11 fine the court imposed. He was linked to another man who went to jail for the same reason."

COMPANY I ONE BASKET SHY.

Turners Falls Wins, 26 to 24 in Closest Game of Season—Eddie McLaughlin with Visitors.

A Turners Falls team of which the star was Eddie McLaughlin of old-time basketball fame, defeated Company I by a score of 26 to 24 in the Army Saturday evening in the closest, cleanest contest of the local season. It is to be regretted that there was a dispute at the end of the second period as to whether there had been an agreement to play two 20-minute periods or three 15 minute periods. As the contest ended the score at the end of the second period was 26 to 24 and no third period was played.

The visitors brought up a team of clever basketball players and they disposed themselves to the best advantage to handle the stars of the local team. McLaughlin played Dunlevy and his greater experience and size had much to do with the score. Dunlevy edged the ball twice, while his opponent landed it in the net just double that number of times.

The visitors built up a substantial lead in the first period, which closed with the score 18 to 19 in their favor. The play was fairly even in the last period until after the half-way mark had been passed. Then Manning got partially clear twice and tossed two sensational baskets and the game speeded up. When what proved to be the final whistle blew the home team lacked one basket of making the score a tie. The summary:

Turners Falls	Company I
Collins, Jr.	rg, Manning
Thomas, Jr.	lg, Johnson
Lupold, Jr.	e, Cavanaugh
Sullivan, Jr.	rf, Fitzgibbons
McLaughlin, Jr.	lf, Dunlevy

Score, Turners Falls 26, Company I 24. Baskets from floor, Collins 3, Thomas 4, Lupold 2, McLaughlin 4, Dunlevy 2, Fitzgibbons, Cavanaugh, Johnson 3, Manning 5. Time, two 20-minute periods. Referee Donohue of Turners Falls.

FOURTEEN FAMILIES AIDED.

Report of Associated Charities for February and March.

Following is the report of the Associated Charities for February and March:

Paid for clothing	\$ 4.47
Paid for groceries	14.25
Paid for fuel	40.95
Paid for medicines	12.10
Paid for sundries	1.00
Total	\$72.77

Fourteen families were aided. JANE M. TYLER, Treasurer.

Experience is something that everybody gets, even though he neither wants it nor knows how to get benefit from it.

The opera and ballet companies in a single day in New York attracted to their performances 15,000 persons who paid \$35,000 for admissions.